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NSMV CONCEPT DESIGN PRESENTED TO MARAD (/news/2017/7/20/nsmv-concept-design-presented-to-marad)



(Annapolis, MD) HEC has completed the concept design of the new National Security Multimission Vessel (NSMV) for the U.S. Maritime Administration. The vessel is intended to be the common design for the new training ships for the five state maritime academies in the US to replace the existing older vessels. It will have state of the art diesel electric propulsion, twin engine rooms for safety and for teaching purposes (one engine room running and the other for teaching), accommodations for up to 600 cadets and 100 operating crew, faculty and support staff. Extensive classrooms, training workshops and lab space is provided to give cadets the latest in teaching tools and technology.

The vessels are also outfitted to act as command and support vessels for emergency response and humanitarian assistance, like what was done by the existing training vessels for hurricanes Katrina and Sandy and for the Haiti earthquake. For this purpose the vessels can expand the number of persons accommodated onboard and is provided with RoRo cargo space, cargo crane and deck space for containers and special modules.

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Subcommittee: Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related

Agencies

Additional Amount: \$300,000,000

The addendum would provide an additional \$300 million to the Maritime Administration's Operations and Training account for the School Ship Replacement Program. The additional funds would support the one-time procurement and retrofitting of two used cargo ships to replace aging training ships provided to the State Maritime Academies. Specifically, this funding would be used to replace the TS *Empire State*, currently assigned to the State University of New York Maritime College, and TS *Kennedy*, currently assigned to the Massachusetts Maritime Academy. These resources would reflect the maximum Federal commitment; any additional resources necessary for two replacement training ships would be achieved through a cost-share.

Agency: DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Bureau: MARITIME ADMINISTRATION

Heading: Operations and Training

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Pending Request: \$152,428,000

Proposed Amendment: \$300,000,000

Revised Request: \$452,428,000

(In the appropriations language under the above heading, delete "\$152,428,000" and substitute \$452,428,000, of which \$300,000,000 shall remain available until expended to acquire from any source, and to convert as necessary, used vessels suitable for school ship service to replace training ships in the National Defense Reserve Fleet and for related expenses, including administrative expenses; and add at the end the following new provisos: *Provided further*, That any unobligated balances previously appropriated for the National Security Multi-Mission Vessel program or vessel design under this heading may be transferred to and merged with this appropriation, to remain available until expended for the same purposes as the \$300,000,000 described under this heading: *Provided further*, That the Maritime Administrator shall ensure that the conversion or modernization of any vessel purchased using amounts provided under this heading shall occur in a shipyard located in the United States on terms and conditions as determined by the Maritime Administrator: *Provided further*, That the Maritime Administrator shall select such vessels to be purchased under such terms and conditions as the Maritime Administrator in his discretion shall determine.)

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Provided, That of the amounts made available under this heading, not less than \$10,000,000 shall be used on capital asset renewal activities.

MARITIME ADMINISTRATION

MARITIME SECURITY PROGRAM

For necessary expenses to maintain and preserve a U.S.-flag merchant fleet to serve the national security needs of the United States, \$300,000,000, to remain available until expended.

OPERATIONS AND TRAINING

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

For necessary expenses of operations and training activities authorized by law, \$149,442,000, to remain available until September 30, 2020, of which \$71,000,000 shall be for the operations of the United States Merchant Marine Academy, and of which \$18,000,000 shall remain available until expended for the maintenance and repair, equipment, and capital improvements at the United States Merchant Marine Academy: Provided, That not later than January 12, 2020, the Administrator of the Maritime Administration shall transmit to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations the annual report on sexual assault and sexual harassment at the United States Merchant Marine Academy as required pursuant to section 3507 of Public Law 110–417: Provided further, That of the amounts made available under this heading, \$3,000,000 shall be for the Maritime Environment and Technology Assistance program authorized under section 50307 of title 46, United States Code: Provided further, That of the amounts made available under this heading, \$7,000,000, shall remain available until expended for the Short Sea Transportation Program (America's Marine Highways) to make grants for the purposes authorized under sections 55601(b)(1) and (3) of title 46, United States Code: Provided further, That available balances under this heading for the Short Sea Transportation Program (America's Marine Highways) from prior year recoveries shall be available to carry out activities authorized under sections 55601(b)(1) and (3) of title 46, United States Code: Provided further, That from funds provided under the previous two provisos, the Secretary of Transportation shall make grants no later than 180 days after enactment of this Act in such amounts as the Secretary determines: Provided further, That any unobligated balances available from previous appropriations for programs and activities supporting State Maritime Academies shall be transferred to and merged with the appropriations for "Maritime Administration, State Maritime Academy Operations" and sha

STATE MARITIME ACADEMY OPERATIONS

For necessary expenses of operations, support and training activities for State Maritime Academies, \$340,200,000, of which \$30,000,000, to remain available until expended, shall be for maintenance, repair, life extension, and capacity improvement of National Defense Reserve Fleet training ships in support of State Maritime Academies, as well as other expenses related to training mariners, as determined by the Secretary, of which \$300,000,000, to remain available until expended shall be for the National Security Multi-Mission Vessel Program, including funds for construction, planning, administration, and design of school ships, of which \$2,400,000 shall remain available through September 30, 2020, for the Student Incentive Program, of which \$1,800,000 shall remain available until expended for training ship fuel assistance, and of which \$6,000,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2020, for direct payments for State Maritime Academies.

ASSISTANCE TO SMALL SHIPYARDS

To make grants to qualified shipyards as authorized under section 54101 of title 46, United States Code, as amended by <u>Public Law 113–281</u>, \$20,000,000, to remain available until expended.